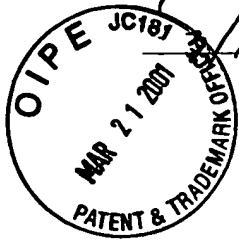


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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The Office Action dated December 20, 2000 for the above-referenced application has been review and its contents noted. In response thereto, the following remarks are offered:

REMARKS

The Examiner stated that the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 31, 2000 failed to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2) since a copy of each of the references in the accompanying PTO Form 1449 were not provided. However, the Information Disclosure Statement was filed under 1.98(d), as the application is a continuation of Serial No. 08/864,138